Mrs. Butler Badly Hart.

George Thacker, of Ashland, Kill- works in Richmond during the w and goes home every Saturday af-ternoon. She boards with a relative— Mrs. Mary E. Blankenship—on West Broad Street. She said she is positive she blew out the lamp. ed and Nine Other Occupants Make Narrow Escapes.

WOMAN IS SERIOUSLY HURT

Mrs. Andrew J. Butler Leaps from Second-Story Porch-May Be Incendiarism.

George this thirty seven years bld, was burned to death in a fire which completely destroyed the home of Andrew J. Butter, near Ellerson's station, about seven miles from this city, at 1:30 o'clock yesterday morning. Mrs. Butter was saved from certain death by leaping from the roof of the front porch, and seven of the ten occupants of the dwelling escaped in the man way.

cupants of the dwelling escaped in the same way.

Miss Annie Belle Butler, twenty years old, and Estelle, her sister, aged ten, were asleep in a rear room on the first floor adjoining that in which the fire is believed to have started, either from natural causes or by the hand of an incendiary. They dumped through a window, five minutes before their room was filled with a same and smoke. No water was available, and the occupants of the house, all who escaped, went through the ordeal of seeing their property destroyed except the garments in which they had retired earlier in the night before.

But for the activity of William C. felton, sixty years old, who occuled the rear apartment on the second pled the rear apartment on the second floor with Thacker, who lost his life, and Benjamin Butler, ten years old there is no doubt in the minds of those who were present during the excite-ment, that every person would have perished. Mr. Melton heard a crash, bich awakened him about ten minutes

He raised the window in his room secting flames licked into his singing his hair and inflicting ainful burns. A series...

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there is no common the room the room to another, he urged the rowsy sleepers to flee for safety. Thacker started out of the room behind Melton, who carried Benjamin melton in his arms. By the time the stairway from the second to the first floor was ablaze, and the only mens of escape was through the front rooms, occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Butter, to the porch roof.

The mother and girls were given the

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Ben Fordrey, a kinsman, T. Herman Butler and William Ernest Butler, sons of Mr. Butler occupied the only other room on the second floor. They escaped with little difficulty. Neighbors who arrived first on the scene graphically describe the eforts of Mr. graphically describe the total state of the Butler to prevent his wife jumping from the roof. Hysterical from excitement and fear, the woman, standing on the verge of the roof, with her husband's arms about her, endeavored to extricate herself.

Wife Jumps to Sufery.

The rear of the house had fallen in and the front interior was a mass of debris, when the husband released his grasp and a second later the wife

rasp and a second later the wife unged desperately forward. The husband did not hesitate in fol-wing her, and had no sooner landed an hie picked her up and removed r to a place of safety. Melton swing his hands and dropped, after having opped Benjamin Butler into the arms a man standing twenty feet below. Wither was hurt,

man standing twenty feet below, her was hurt, the truntil the excitement had payided out, and a lone chimney all that was left, was Thacker ed. W. D. Slater, a neighbor, arrived on the scene about half nour after the first alarm was ad, was the first to discover the red remains in the ashes. The sand head had been nearly coned, but the bones were still in a position that it is believed liker. fell through the floor when body was stretched at full length, was several hours later before remains could be removed. A a small spring, some distance away, was the only source of supply, and in consequence they were much handicapped. Two chairs were taken from the parlor, but these articles are the only thus saved. things saved,

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Tells of Thacker's Death.

Mr. Melton's version of the manner in which Thacker lost his life is; "My first act on discovering the fire was to call Thacker. He jumped up immediately, and, I thought, got out. I believe he turned back to get his trousers, fainted and fell forward. He was an excitable fellow, and had been subject to spells of nervousness for many years. He had some money in his pocket, and I believe this made him especially anxious to get hold of his clothes. I don't think we could have saved him even if we had known he had fallen in the rooms, as to have gone back would have meant certain death."

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The possible of the many rumors current in regard to his possible resignary of the first of the origin of the first. "I helice it must have started in the rear of the house," be started in the rear of the house," be started in the rear of the house," be started in the rear of the house, and the same are also continued to the country as soon as the hump before retiring, it seems extrange to me, but we cannot imagine who would have tried to him, and the same are also country as soon as the hump before retiring," he sald, "Soon on did set the place afte, little possessed. It is soon on did set the place afte, but the same and the same are also been as the place afte, and the same and the same are also been as the place afte, and the same and the same are also been as the place afte, and the same are also been as the same are also been as the place afte, and the same are also been as the place afte, and the same are also been as the place afte, and the same are also been as the place afte, and the same are also been as the place afte, and the same are also been as the place afte, and the same are also been as the place afte, and the same are also been as the place afte, and the same are also been as the place after all the place after all the same are also been as the place after all the same are also been as the place after all the same are also been as the place after all the same are also been as the place and the same are also been as the place and the same are also been as the place and the same are also been as the proposed by some and the place are also been as the place and the place a

Consolidation Matter to Be Considered With View of Reaching Agreement.

SPLIT DUE ON SOME THINGS

Manchester Committee Dislikes Plan of Charging Sidewalks and Alley Paving.

Mrs. Butler Badly Hurt.
Not until after daybreak, when neighbors brought clothing to the destitute people, were any of them able to come from under cover of blankets, which were spread in a grove in the yard. Mrs. Butler was taken to the home of Mrs. W. D. Slates, about a a half-mile away, and there a physician attended her. She suffered a severely sprained ankle, a wrenched hip and internal injuries. She is not thought to be fatally hurt, although Dr. Lewis states her condition may prove to be more serious than at frst suspected. Mrs. Butler was formerly Miss Georgiana Melton, of Goochland county. Miss Georgiana Melton, of Goochland county.

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Mrs. Lorena Jones, a daughter, lives at the Buck Eye Farm, Hanover county, She was, notified of the destruction yesterday morning, and reached Ellerson last night. Edward Newman, of Ashland, owner of the property, was notified by Mr. Butler, and looked over the wreckage in the afternoon. The house was insured for \$700, which will about cover half the cost. The building contained five bed rooms, a kitchen and parlot.

None of the occupants of the house had any insurance. Mr. Butler works, in this city, but goes home at night. His to some farm the American Locomotive Works, in this city, but goes home at night. His two sons, Ernest and Herman, conduct a small farm. "We lost all our savings," said Mr. Butler, "and not one of us is left with a strip of clothing. We haven't a plece of furniture in the world, but 1'll start to work right away to get a new supply of necessities. Mr. Newman promises to give tust a house until he can afford to rebuild."

Churches Help the Family.

Miss Georgiana Melton, of Goochland solidation is expected for one night this selected for one night this seek. Two separate meetilings have already been held by the Manchester Committee, when work was chester Committee, when work is week. Two session toward framchester to a union. This list is to be presented to the Richmond committee for consideration. While there will probably be amendments and changes, it is believed from the conferences already held that, with a mutual give and take, the two committees can arrive at a satisfactory basis for the union, which will then works in the conferences already held that, with a mutual give and take, the two committees can arrive at a satisfactory basis for the union, which will then world to be submitted to the voters of the Southside city.

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Report has it that the Manchester committee is dviided as to the amount of street improvement to be made in Manchester in the event of union, some members holding that Richmond should issue bonds for an immediate general system of street improvement until the average is as good as in the thickly-settled parts of Richmond. Others lean to the proposition contained in Richmond's original offer, the setting apart of 75 per cent, of all the revenues derived from taxation within the present limits of Manchester. For years past only a few thousand dollars a year from the total revenue of Churches Help the Family.

Probably the most commendable thing about the distressing affair is the manner in which people in the neighborhood started out at once to assist in caring for the family.

In the Baptist Church at Walnut Grove, and in the Methodist Church at Shady Grove, benefit offerings were taken up at the morning services yesterday, and more than \$60 will be turned over to Mr. Butler to-day, Leonard Acree, a merchant, contributed \$5 personally, and J. B. Bradley, a merchant, said that he will supply food. roll, the maintenance of its fire police departments, schools and other demands, leaving but a small propor-tion of the annual income available for use on the streets.

A more difficult rock of difference or which the two committees are likely to split is the objection raised by Manchester people to the cumbrous Richmond custom of assessing the cost of sidewalk and alley paving to of statewark and array paring to the abutting property owner. This custom has never been followed in Manches-ter, and as a result no alleys and few sidewalks are paved. Richmond's tax rate, however, is 10 cents less than Thacker's Remains Buried,
Coroner Pulliam was notified of Thacker's death, but deemed an inquest unnecessary. The funeral took place yesterday afternoon, and the interment was made in a family burying ground a few hundred yards from the spot where the victim was burned. Thacker was a bachelor and lived near Ashland. He is survived by one brother, John Henry Thacker, of Hanover county, Thacker arrived at the Butler home Saturday afternoon, and would have returned home to-day.

There was no minister to conduct the funeral service, and the last rites were performed by Charles Davenport and James Loving, who were among those who spent yesterday in caring for the stricken people. Mr. Butler and others who escaped from the fire acted as pall-bearers.

Fisherman Declares Boat Was in Danger When Many of Them Jumped In.
Bernard, better known as "Barney"
Frischkorn, a clerk in the Chancery
Court, is in town after a fishing trip
off the Virginia cases, and tells a remarkable story of how his life was
saved by the presence of mind displayed by a member of his party.

The party were fishing from a rowboat, and stuck up a torch to attract
attention from the deep. Things ran
slowly for a while, but suddenly a
school came along, and the members
started jumping into the boat. The
load increased, and gradually the boat's
edge neared the water. Faster and
faster they jumped, until the men in
the boat became uneasy that a disas-

said that the convention was the greatest success, both from a business and entertainment point of view. Lavish courtestes were bestowed on the visitors, and they were taken to see many points of interest in and about Buffalo. Major Werner read apaper on the illegal traffic in cocaine, which was well reserved.

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Steamship Official Here.
Traffic Manager E. R. Richardson,
of the Ocean Steamship Company, Savannah, Ga., spent an hour yesterday
in Richardson, of the Land Registry office.

charge of breaking into the chicken house of W. H. Davis and stealing therefrom eight chickens, James Key, Bessie Fleming, Sena Ross and Nelson Henry, all colored, were arrested on suspicion of having committed larceny. Mr. Richardson was returning to his headquarters in New York from a meeting in Norfolk.

Southern Rallway Earnings.

Estimated earnings of the Southern Rallway for the second week in June show on increase of \$45.72 as complying second with the corresponding week last and has entered into the discharge of the duties of his new position.

TRYING TO BREAK RECORD MADE BY RUSSELL SAGE

RETURN FROM CONVENTION

Mas Successful in Every Way.

Major Werner and the Police Commissioners who attended the Convention of Chiefs of Police in Buffalo last week, returned yesterday. They all said that the convention was the greatest success, both from a business and entertainment point of view.

Lost Eight Chickens

Ernest Jenkins, colored, was arrested n the First District yesterday on a

PYTHIAN MEMORIAL TO HINES



Hill, of the Richmond city schools,

said last night that he was not re-

rent in regard to his possible resigna-

sponsible for the many rumors cur-

Assistant Superintendent Has Not Yet Determined Whether He Will Retain His Position.

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Because it mistook a turtle's tongue for a bean, and did not look twice before it pecked, a handsome broiler loost its life yesterday afternoon in the rear yard of one of the leading hotels. Particulars of this chicken's tragic end are voucked for by several witnesses, one of whom extracted the living hotels. Particulars of this chicken's tragic end are voucked for by several witnesses, one of whom extracted the living hotels. Particulars are not especially adapted to the main facture of soups, this portion was thrown into the yard. Two hours the head of such anilater portages without a thought for the head of the turtle scemingly alive and in the mains are not especially adapted to the manufacture of soups, this portion was thrown into the yard. Two hours that per portage without a thought for the head of the turtle, several chickens were turned into the inclosure. In if them minutes well-defend a cakles attracted the attention of those inside the house. Rushing into the yard they saw the living in this and the head to re-lease the fowl, but failing in this and the head to re-lease the fowl, but failing in this and the head to re-lease the fowl, but failing in this and the head to re-lease the fowl, but failing in this and the heade to re-lease the fowl, but failing in this and the head to real yard was a presented to ease the collect has the case.

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ERFCT MEMORIAL TO SAMUEL HINES

Pythian Temple on Fifth Street Will Be Repository for Grand Lodge,

STATUE OVER ENTRANCE

Fund Now Complete for Monument Projected Many Years Ago.

deavor, Virginia Knights of Pythias have completed arrangements for the erection of a handsome memorial to Samuel Holder Hines, the "Pythian martyr," who lost his life on December 25, 1870, in attempting to rescue Ber 25, 1870, in attempting to rescue
Erasmus W. Ross, also a member of
the order, when the old Spotswood
itotol was destroyed by fire. Both
were killed. Almost immediately members of the order throughout the State
started a movement for a suitable
memorial to his heroism. They met with
many obstacles and small encouragemany obstacles and small encouragement until recently, when a few who have never given up the hope of ultimate success have revived enthusiasm among all lodges of the State. The result is that there is now in hand \$50,000, and plans have been drawn for a magnificent building over the main entrance of which will be a statue of Mr. Hines.

On Fifth, Near Bread.

The building is to be erected under the auspices of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, and will be called "The Hines Memorial." It will be located on Fifth Streets, between Broad and Marshall Streets.

In construction it will be fireproof throughout; the materials to be used will be stone, brick and steel. The statue will occupy an alcove above the main entrance. According to the archiverence of the statue will occupy an alcove above the main entrance. many obstacles and small encourage